nelling to the extent of 2100 M and 54348 Cum. of excavation of power house have been completed. The excavation of Tail Race Tunnel upto gate shaft has also been completed.

Work on all other package is in progress.

Foreign assistance for Uri Hydel Project

3799. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uri Hydel Project in J&K is being executed with external bilateral assistance on turn-key basis by a Swedish Consortium; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 80 per cent of the infrastructure development work has been completed. Confirmatory investigations have also been substantially completed and planning and design work is in progress. Excavation work in the barrage area and underground works for the Head Race Tunnel have been started.

Construction equipments for excavation and underground works have either reached the site or are being shipped. The design, fabrication and supply of hydro-mechanical equipment and generating equipment is in progress.

Per capita consumption of electricity

3800. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita power consumption is directy proportional to per capita income in different major States of India; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Governmnet to raise per capita consumption in those States where this consumption is comparatively low?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The annual per capita consumption of electricity in the country during the year 1990-91 was 253.41 kwh (Provisional). The per capita consumption of power depends upon the extent of electrification of villages, energisation of pump sets, the extent of industrialisation of the State, per capita income etc. Improvement in these factors is being affected through planning process. On the supply side, various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

3801. (Transferred to the 19th August, 1992)

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान विद्युत क्षेत्र हेतु उदिष्ट धनराशि में कटौती

3802. **श्री विनोद शर्मा :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि योजना आयोग ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान विद्युत क्षेत्र हेतु उदिष्ट धनराशि में कटौती की है और क्या निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा निवेश के माध्यम से इस कटौती की क्षतिपूर्ति की जायेगी ;

(ख) यदि हां तो इस पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान निजी क्षेत्र से कितनी धनराशि प्राप्त करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है; और

(ग) देश में निजी क्षेत्र के निवेश के माध्यम से विद्युत उत्पादन की कितनी क्षमता प्रतिष्ठापित किए जाने की सम्भावना है ?